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# IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

DEBORAH KNIGHT :

289 Coldron Drive : Complaint Oxford, PA 19363 : Civil Action

v. : Jury of Eight (8) Demanded

PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS, LLC

PO BOX 1108

Wilkes Barre, PA 18773

and : NO.

PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS, LLC

40 Broad Street, Lobby 4

Boston, MA 02109

and

PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS, LLC

c/o CT Corporation : 2001 Market Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor :

Philadelphia, PA 19103 :

## INTRODUCTION

This is a claim brought by Plaintiff, DEBORAH KNIGHT ("Plaintiff or Knight") against Defendant, PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS, LLC ("Defendant or Public Partnerships"), for violations of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 ("FSLA"), as amended, 29 U.S.C. § 201 et seq., and Pennsylvania Wage Payment and Collection Law, Act of 1961, P.L. 637, No. 329 ("Pa. Wage and Hour") and in support thereof states and avers as follows:

#### **PARTIES**

- 1. Plaintiff, DEBORAH KNIGHT("Plaintiff or Knight") is an adult individual who resides at 289 Coldron Drive, Oxford, PA 19363 and was at all times relevant hereto employed by Defendant, PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS, LLC ("Defendant or Public Partnerships").
  - 2. Defendant, PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS, is a corporation, entity or business

organization operating at 1 Penn Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19144, and at all times relevant hereto did business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

3. Defendant, PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS, is a corporation, entity or business organization operating at the above-captioned addresses, and at all times relevant hereto did business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

## **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 4. Subject matter jurisdiction is appropriate before this Court under Federal Question Jurisdiction and Supplemental Jurisdiction, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331,1337, and 1367.
- 5. Venue is appropriate before this Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1391 (b) as Defendants regularly conduct business within the Eastern District of Pennsylvania and all acts and omissions which are the subject of Plaintiff's Complaint occurred therein.
  - 6. The Plaintiff has opted out of all class action matters related to this specific suit.

#### FACTUAL AVERMENTS

- 7. Plaintiff commenced employment with the Defendant as a home health aid for Patricia L. Widdowson in or about August 1, 2016.
- 8. Defendant acts as the payor of services provided to Patricia L. Widdowson in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
- 9. Plaintiff provides non live-in home health care services to Ms. Widdowson that includes but are not limited to providing care for bathing, companionship, wound care, dispense medication, taking and reporting of vial signs, cooking, cleaning, dressing, driving, shopping and the like.
  - 10. The Plaintiff provides care in part that is skilled in nature.

- 11. As a non live-in home health-aid, Plaintiff is entitled to overtime wages under FLSA and Pa. Wage and Hour Laws.
- 12. The Plaintiff was not paid hours for overtime from August 1, 2016 March 9, 2019.
- 13. Plaintiff worked in excess of 40 hours per week or 80 hours per two (2) week pay period.
- 14. Upon information and belief, the Defendant who is required to provide proper and accurate payment to the Plaintiff, failed to pay overtime for any time worked in excess of 40 hours per week.
  - 15. The Plaintiff reported her hours properly for each week of work.
  - 16. Plaintiff remains in employment with the Defendant.
- 17. Overtime was not paid regardless of the fact that all hours and overtime were reported properly.

# <u>COUNT I</u> Violation of the FSLA for Unpaid Overtime

- 18. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs as if set more fully at length herein.
- 19. At all times relevant hereto, Defendant engaged in interstate commerce and/or the production of goods for commerce and home health-aids are covered under the FSLA, within the meaning of FLSA, 29 U.S.C. §§ 206(a) and 207(a).
- 20. At all times relevant, the Defendant employed Plaintiff within the meaning of the FLSA.

- 21. The FLSA requires covered employers to properly compensate covered employees for every hour worked in a workweek. See 29 U.S.C. § 206(b).
- 22. The FLSA requires covered employers to pay covered employees overtime compensation at a rate "not less than one and one-half times" the employee's regular rate of pay for all hours worked over 40 in a workweek. See 29 U.S.C. § 207(a)(1).
- 23. Throughout the relevant period, Plaintiff and other employees who were similarly situated were non-exempt covered employees entitled to the protections of the FLSA.
- 24. Throughout the relevant period, the Defendant were covered employers, subject to the provisions of the FLSA, and were not exempt from providing FLSA overtime benefits for any reason.
- 25. The Defendant has a policy and practice of refusing to pay overtime compensation to Plaintiff and failure to pay overtime compensation at a rate not less than one and one-half times the rate at which they are employed for work performed beyond the 40 hours workweek, is a violation of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938, in particular 29 U.S.C. §§ 206, 207.
- 26. The foregoing conduct, as alleged, constitutes a willful violation of the FLSA within the meaning of 29 U.S.C. § 255(a) because the Defendant violated Plaintiff's rights as an employee even after Plaintiff brought this to their attention on multiple occasions.
- 27. Due to the Defendant's FLSA violations, Plaintiff is entitled to recover from Defendant their unpaid overtime compensation, an additional amount equal to liquidated damages, additional liquidated damages for unreasonably delayed payment of wages, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of this action, pursuant to 29 U.S.C. § 216(b).
- 28. Plaintiff was retaliated against and terminated for demanding payment of the overtime hours that she worked, reported and was entitled to be paid for.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendant and respectfully requests the following relief:

- a. Damages, including but not limited to interest, liquidated damages, and counsel fees in the amounts due Plaintiff, and others similarly situated, for overtime compensation;
- Equitable relief in the form of an order directing the Defendant to comply with the
   Fair Labor Standards Act and Pennsylvania Wage Payment and Collection Law;
   and
- c. Such other and further relief as this Court deems proper.

# COUNT II Violation of The Pennsylvania Wage Payment and Collection Law, Act of 1961, P.L. 637, No. 329

- 29. Plaintiff incorporates the preceding paragraphs as if set forth more fully at length herein.
- 30. At all times relevant, the Defendant employed Plaintiff for work weeks of forty (40) hours to which Plaintiff performed said duties in a timely manner to the best of his abilities.
- 31. At all times relevant, Plaintiff was an employee of the Defendant and entitled to pay on a regular basis.
  - 32. Defendants had knowledge of the hours that Plaintiff worked during his tenure.
- 33. Defendants deprived the Plaintiff of pay for the hours worked as enumerated *supra*.
  - 34. Defendants have violated the Pennsylvania Wage Payment and Collection Law,

Act of 1961, P.L. 637, No. 329 by failing to make timely payments in the form of a proper pay check for the hours properly worked by the Plaintiff on the payday as required.

35. The Defendant set the pay days for the Plaintiff at the time of hiring.

36. None of the wages claimed are considered fringe benefits, but rather hourly wages

due and owed.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendant and respectfully requests the following relief:

a. Lost wages, as well as compensatory and back pay damages to the fullest extent

permitted under state law;

b. Litigation costs, expenses, and attorney's fees to the fullest extent permitted under

state law;

c. Civil penalties as provided under the law;

d. Treble damages as provided under the law;

e. Interest for monies not paid; and

f. Such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

SAFFREN & WEINBERG

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**Dated: June 5, 2019**